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RAJIV GANDHI MARINE PRODUCTS RESEARCH CENTRE
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up Rajiv Gandhi Marine Products Research Centre in Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details alongwith its proposed functions thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to generate more products to meet the increasing domestic demand and exports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The following steps have been taken to generate more products to meet the increasing domestic demand and exports :-

(i) For overcoming the shortage of raw material in India, the import procedures have been simplified so that the imported raw material would be processed and re-exported as value added products. Import of duty free ingredients which will go into the production of value added products to the extent of 1% of the F.O.B. of the preceding year's export has also been permitted.

(ii) The Focus Markets Scheme had been introduced in 2006 which allows Duty Credit Facility at 2.5% of the F.O.B. value of exports to notified countries.

(iii) A detailed action plan has been prepared for the development of export oriented aquaculture in the maritime states of India. This action plan envisages to increase shrimp and scampi production besides searching avenues for production and export of Tilapia, Catfish, Seabass, Grouper, Green Mussel, etc.

(iv) Various financial assistance scheme are being implemented to help seafood industry, establish infrastructural facilities resulting in an increase in the export of marine products.

(e) Does not arise.